White Paper on Disinvestment Policy

2402. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue a White Paper on their Disinvestment Policy; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) A white paper is intended to contain information or Government's proposals on an issue. The Disinvestment Policy of the Government has been announced from time to time in the Parliament during the budget speeches. Different aspects of the disinvestment policy have been debated at length in both the Houses of Parliament during Budget Debates or at the time of motions like short duration discussions, calling attention motion etc. The Government also clarified the issues relating to disinvestment policy through the replies to the parliament questions in both the Houses. The disinvestment policy is, therefore clearly and unambiguously stated. Under the circumstances, there is no decision as yet to issue a white paper in this regard. However, a manual setting out details of policy and procedures is under preparation.

Amount realised through disinvestment

2403. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount realised by Government through disinvestment of shares of Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) how this amount has been utilised; and

(c) what has been the share of infrastructure sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The details of the amount realised through disinvestment from 1991-1992 to 1999-2000 and the amount realised in the current financial year till December, 2000 is as under: